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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Saunders, Jeffrey O., et al.
Application No. : 10/671,967
Confirmation No. : 7271
Filed : September 25, 2003
For : INHIBITORS OF IMPDH ENZYME
Group Art Unit : 1621
Examiner : Shailendra Kumar

New York, New York
March 20, 2006

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the September 19, 2005 Office Action. With the extension, a Response is due on or before March 19, 2006. Since March 19, 2006 falls on a weekend, applicants submit this response on the next working business day.

Please charge \$1020.00, in payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.17(a)(3) to the Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order No. 003601-0005).

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may

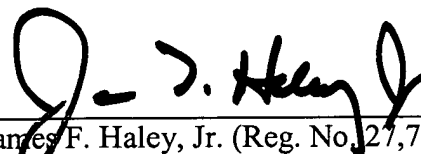
be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075

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(Order No. 003601-0005). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. F. Haley, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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